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Sub.- Extending Election duty period of Polling Personnel till 26-10-2015.

Whereas the General Elections to 11 Municipal Councils in the State of Goa are being held on 25-10-2015.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control of the Municipal Elections to ensure free and fair elections.

And whereas, as per the instructions issued to Presiding Officers/Polling Officers, these Polling Personnel will be relieved only after deposit of sealed ballot boxes and other election material with the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer after conclusion of the polling. Since the deposit of ballot boxes and election material often

goes late into the night of the date of poll, the Polling Personnel will have to be given reasonable period for travelling back to their destinations and for reporting back to their Department/Office for resuming normal duty.

Now, therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 hereby directs that the date following the date of polling i.e. 26-10-2015 shall also be treated as period of Election Duty and the polling personnel will not be required to report for duty at their normal place on 26-10-2015. Such polling personnel shall report for their normal duty at their respective Department/Office on 27-10-2015.

All the Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers who have issued Orders for requisitioning services of these polling personnel shall issue necessary Orders/Addendum (if necessary) for extending the period of Election duty by one day i.e. 26-10-2015 and accordingly, R.O./A.R.O. shall state in their relieving orders that they shall report back at their respective Department/Office on 27-10-2015.

Dr. M. Modassir, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner (Goa State Election Commission).

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